

## REMARKS

The Office Action mailed 31 August 2006 has been received and considered. Applicant has amended the claims in view of the concerns expressed by the Examiner to place the claims in condition for allowance.

### REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 112:

Claims 1-29 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Applicant has canceled claims 11-29 thereby rendering the rejections of those claims moot. Responsive to the indications of the Examiner, applicant has amended claims 1-10 to rectify any perceived indefiniteness. Further, applicant has deleted claim 29 and introduced new claim 30, which is largely the original claim 29 reformulated to obviate the improper dependent claim construction indicated by the Examiner. In view of the amendments to the aforesaid claims, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-10 and 30 overcome the basis of the rejection under 35 USC 112 and therefore request the withdrawal of that rejection.

### REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 102:

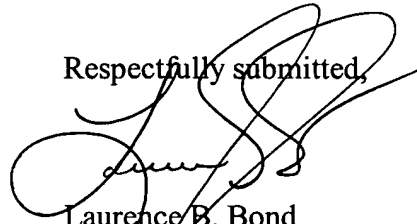
Claims 1 and 29 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 over Bezemer, Addeo, Sachse, Muller, Garland or Brown. In paragraph 2 of his Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 2-19 would be allowable provided that they were rewritten to avoid the rejection under 35 USC 112. Consistent with this indication, applicant has rewritten claim 1 to include all of the limitations of claim 2. In effect, claim 1 as amended is claim 2 rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of claim 2 as well as the limitations of its former base claim, namely claim 1. In view of this revision, applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 as amended presently overcomes the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 102.

Claim 29 has been canceled thereby rendering its rejection moot.

CONCLUSION:

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks set forth above, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims of his application.

Respectfully submitted,

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